

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1112

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## AN ACT

To require a report on the military coup in Burma, and  
for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Protect Democracy in  
3 Burma Act of 2021”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) On March 14, 2005, the House of Rep-  
7 resentatives agreed to H. Res. 135, which estab-  
8 lished the House Democracy Assistance Commission  
9 (later changed to the House Democracy Partnership,  
10 hereafter referred to as “HDP”) to work directly  
11 with parliaments around the world to support the  
12 development of effective, independent, and respon-  
13 sive legislative institutions.

14 (2) HDP approved a legislative strengthening  
15 partnership with Burma in 2016 and organized the  
16 first congressional delegation to meet with the new  
17 civilian-led government, led by State Counselor Aung  
18 San Suu Kyi, and civil society leaders in May 2016.

19 (3) On February 2, 2021, the U.S. Department  
20 of State assessed that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the  
21 leader of Burma’s ruling party, and President Win  
22 Myint, the duly elected head of government, were de-  
23 posed in a military coup on February 1, 2021.

24 (4) As part of the military coup, the Burmese  
25 military declared martial law, suspended the civilian-  
26 led government, and detained newly elected Members

1 of Parliament in the capitol, Naypyidaw, thereby  
2 usurping the role of the democratically elected gov-  
3 ernment and parliament.

4 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

5 It is the sense of Congress that—

6 (1) due to the Burmese military's seizure of  
7 government through the detention of State Coun-  
8 sellor Aung San Suu Kyi, President Win Myint, and  
9 other government leaders, Burma is not represented  
10 by a democratically-elected government;

11 (2) the inability of newly elected Members of  
12 Parliament to begin their official mandate due to the  
13 Burmese military's actions directly threatens the  
14 democratic trajectory of Burma's Parliament, and  
15 thereby the country;

16 (3) the will and determination of those duly-  
17 elected Members of Parliament who are taking it  
18 upon themselves to continue serving as representa-  
19 tives of the people through alternative methods of  
20 communicating and convening should be lauded; and

21 (4) by preventing the Parliament from com-  
22 pleting its work, the Burmese military has rendered  
23 impossible and effectively nullified the international  
24 collaborative relationships that have supported and

1 strengthened the institution, including the Burmese  
2 parliament's partnership with HDP.

3 **SEC. 4. POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES REGARDING BUR-**  
4 **MA'S DEMOCRACY.**

5 It is the policy of the United States to—

6 (1) condemn the military coup in Burma, to  
7 urge the unconditional release of detained democrat-  
8 ically-elected leaders and civil society members, and  
9 to support a return to Burma's democratic transi-  
10 tion;

11 (2) instruct, as appropriate, representatives of  
12 the United States Government to use the voice, vote,  
13 and influence of the United States at the United  
14 Nations to hold accountable those responsible for the  
15 military coup in Burma; and

16 (3) engage with the Association of Southeast  
17 Asian Nations (ASEAN) and ASEAN member  
18 states to promote a return to Burma's democratic  
19 transition and democratic values throughout South-  
20 east Asia, and support the centrality of ASEAN  
21 within the regional architecture of the Indo-Pacific.

22 **SEC. 5. REPORT.**

23 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-  
24 ment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to  
25 the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on

1 Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the  
2 Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on  
3 Appropriations of the Senate a report on the military coup  
4 in Burma, including a description of efforts to implement  
5 the policy specified in section 4.

Passed the House of Representatives March 18,  
2021.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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